



# Beall Elementary School

## 2009-2010

### **A Snapshot of our**

### **Title I Parent Involvement Plan**

Beall Elementary recognizes the importance of forming a strong partnership with parents and community members in order to positively impact the students in our school. To promote effective parent involvement, the staff at Beall Elementary welcomes input from parents and community members in decision making and encourages them to join us in the activities outlined in this plan. We work with parents as equal partners in the educational process.

#### **Annual Meeting**

Parents are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of each school year, as part of our Back-To-School Night, to learn more about the requirements of Title I and our School-wide Title I Program. At this meeting there will be opportunities to review the Title I documents and give input into the following:

- Home School Compact
- Title I Parent Involvement Plan
- Parents' rights
- Ideas of topics for future parent involvement activities
- Title I budget

#### **Accessibility for ALL Family Programs**

We will accommodate all families by providing the following:

- Choices of meeting dates and times based on input from parents
- Interpreters
- Translated documents
- Childcare at the school
- Food
- Transportation

#### **Parent Involvement Activities**

Based on parent survey input, we will provide the following activities to assist parents in understanding the state curriculum and assessments and to help parents improve their children's academic achievement:

- Improving Study Habits Workshop- September 15, 2009
- Parent Conference Day- October 1, 2009
- Math Night- November 18, 2009
- Family MSA Night- February 23, 2010
- Moms and Math Workshop- April 16, 2010
- Fathers and Facts Workshop- April 23, 2010
- Title I Parent Input Meeting- May 10, 2010

#### **Programs from our Partners**

- Judy Center will provide Family Literacy Nights monthly
- Judy Center will provide programs to increase parent involvement including: Infant Massage classes, YMCA Infant and Toddler Playgroup, and Behavior management classes for parents (CSEFEL)
- Head Start will provide a parent workshop on "How to Help Your Child be Ready for Kindergarten"

### **School Improvement Team**

Parent input is essential to school success:

- All parents are encouraged to participate in and join the School Improvement Team as well as Action Teams, such as the Climate Action Team and the Partnership Action Team, and the Title I Parent Advisory Council. Parents have the opportunity review and jointly develop the Title I School-wide Plan, the parent involvement budget, and the Home-School Compact. A summary of the Title I School-wide Plan is sent to all parents. Parents are also welcome to comment on the School Improvement Plan. All comments may be forwarded to Mr. Robert Stevenson, principal, at 301-689-3636.

### **Shared Decision Making**

In May, a committee of parents from each grade level meets to evaluate the parent involvement program based on parent surveys and develops the parent involvement plan and parent budget for the upcoming school year. This committee also reviews the Home-School Compact and the county's Title I Parent Involvement Plan.

### **Communication**

Parents will be provided information in a language and format which is easy to understand.

We will communicate with parents by:

- Flyers
- Emails
- Assignment Notebooks
- Tuesday folders
- School website
- Visits by the Parent Involvement Coordinator
- Parent Advisory Council– parents are invited to participate on this council. Parents on this council will communicate with school staff at least once a month at faculty meetings regarding ways that the school and home can work as equal partners to educate our students.
- Title I parent interest survey- will be given to all parents to complete to address
- Surveys will be distributed after each Parent Involvement Activity to gain input about the effectiveness of these activities.

### **PIRC**

The Maryland Parent Information Center (PIRC) provides useful Information for parents at the [www.mdpirc.org](http://www.mdpirc.org) website. Information about PIRC is posted in the main lobby and advertised in the “Beall-A-Bration” newsletter.

### **Volunteers**

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at our school by reading to classes, attending such activities as “Day of Caring and Sharing”, and chaperoning on field trips and at Outdoor School in fifth grade. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer at school or at home by assisting in completing teacher requests for classroom assistance.

*This Parent Involvement Plan has been jointly developed and distributed to the parents of Beall Elementary students.*

